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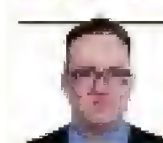


Edmontonians wrote poems with magnets on fridges provided by the Edmonton Poetry Festival in Churchill Square Wednesday. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

The story of the storeys

MEZZO TOWER

New 16-floor tower approved, council divided



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Few towers have divided Edmonton like the Mezzo.

Some are worried the 16-storey tower city council approved just off of Whyte Avenue Wednesday will be the first of many, drastically changing the character of the area. Others think it's a change that's long been needed.

Coun. Ben Henderson, who was one of three votes against the required zoning changes to make way for the building, said there are other developers with similar ideas and council has opened the door to all of them.

"We have basically said this is fair game," he said. "We protected it for so long and so successfully and yet we are so enamoured with this idea of height everywhere."

Administration recommended

against the tower, which is on the corner of 81 Avenue and 105 Street, citing the existing plan for the area, which prohibits buildings on the Mezzo's scale.

The proposal includes a four-storey podium with a mixture of retail and office space, as well as many affordable housing units. Above that is the tower, filled with micro-suite apartments. Construction could start later this year.

Mayor Don Iveson, who voted in favour, said the development had drawbacks but also a lot of what council is looking for.

He said other potential towers are not going to get his support without making similar concessions.

"If it's more of a business as usual type of development, don't expect the same height. At least not from where I am sitting," he said.

Simon O'Byrne, a vice-president with Stantec — who consulted on the project — said more change would bring the area a much needed refresh.

"Basically 90 per cent of the housing in the area was built before the Oilers even won their first Stanley Cup," he said.

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PC party wants to stop the presses

Alberta's Progressive Conservative party introduced a bill Wednesday that would regulate pill presses in a bid to curb the use of hard drugs like fentanyl and W-18.

Bill 205 would regulate the ownership, operation and possession of pill or tablet presses, establish penalties that have a significant financial effect on criminals, and create a regulatory process to outline protocols for the seizure and removal of presses.

MLA Mike Ellis, a former police officer who serves as

the PC critic for justice and solicitor general, said no other province has similar legislation.

"We're the first and we're very proud of that," he said.

OxyContin was Alberta's problem drug when Ellis was a police officer in Calgary, and he said fellow officers have kept him in the loop about the trend toward fentanyl.

"Like any good investigator I did my research, and I discovered that there was one common thread when any drug bust was occurring, and the pill press was it," he said.

"So if we can (make) an impact in the distribution and manufacturing of this drug, then we're doing a good thing, we're saving lives."

Alberta College of Pharmacists president Rick Hackman said he supports the bill, which would amend the Pharmacy and Drug Act.

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MLA Mike Ellis



Some fentanyl sold in Alberta, often passed off on the street in pills that look like OxyContin, has been found to contain an even more potent substance: the synthetic opioid W-18. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ANDRES PLANA/METRO

'100 times' more toxic

+ POWERFUL AND DANGEROUS

What is W-18?

It's a powerful opioid developed by chemists at the University of Alberta in 1981.

Health Canada proposed in February 2016 to have the drug listed under Schedule I of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, but it is currently still legal.

Staff Sgt. Dave Knibbs said the W-18 seized in the Edmonton area "likely" came from overseas and

that the substance is "very new" to Canada.

Knibbs said he does not know what the W-18 would have been sold as had it made it to the streets, though it has been found in fentanyl tablets seized in Calgary.

The drug was not brought out during a press conference at ALERT headquarters Wednesday, as Knibbs said even airborne exposure can put people at risk.

FENTANYL CRISIS

Health officials concerned after opioid W-18 seized in city



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Health officials in Alberta are on watch after police intercepted a large quantity of a legal drug in Edmonton said to be more toxic than fentanyl.

ALERT Staff Sgt. Dave Knibbs said police seized four kilograms

of a mysterious powder during a fentanyl investigation in the Edmonton area in December, and on Tuesday received lab results back from Health Canada that confirmed the substance is the synthetic opioid W-18.

Knibbs said W-18 is "100 times stronger and more toxic" than fentanyl, which was linked to 272 deaths in Alberta last year.

"To our best knowledge, this is the first time that W-18 has been seized in a powder form in Alberta," Knibbs said. "This seizure is very concerning for the police. Theoretically, a four-kilogram seizure of W-18 could have produced hundreds of mil-

lions of illicit pills.

"Fentanyl has taken far too many lives across the province and W-18 represents an even more significant threat."

Some tests of street-sold fentanyl seized in Calgary over the past several months have shown the presence of W-18.

Dr. Laura Calhoun, provincial medical director of addiction and mental health for Alberta Health Services, said W-18 is a "huge concern" and there is currently no way to test for it in Alberta. She said front-line health officials have been notified that the drug is in the province.

Calhoun said naloxone — a

medication that blocks the effects of opioids — is the only way to combat an overdose.

Knibbs said RCMP, the Edmonton Police Service and all other municipal law enforcement agencies in Alberta are actively engaged in education campaigns with front-line officers to make sure everyone is aware of the risk of unknown substances.

"Because synthetic opioids are so dangerous, our front-line officers need to be aware of the dangers," he said.

Knibbs was mum on whether any arrests were made or any charges were laid in the seizure, citing the ongoing investigation.

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CalgaryNEXT 'not feasible,' city says



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The Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corporation weren't just a little off with their CalgaryNEXT pitch — they were way off base, according to numbers in a city report.

The project, which includes a hockey arena, football field and public fieldhouse, was originally pitched as an \$890 million

endeavour by CSEC president, Ken King. But the costs have run up, and are now at more than double the pitched estimate. It is now expected to cost \$1.8 billion, with taxpayers footing \$1.3 billion of that expense.

A report by administration analyzing the West Village mega-project deemed it wasn't feasible in its current form or location.

"I've always said: public money must be used for public benefit," read a prepared statement from Naheed Nenshi. "Council will

have a robust discussion about this on Monday. City Administration has also identified a potential alternative for Council's consideration that may accomplish the same objectives, but at a lower cost."

A major issue for the project: the soil in the proposed site is contaminated by creosote from industrial activity decades ago. King originally quoted the costs between \$50 and \$300 million.

The creosote cleanup is actually coming in under budget,

but still presents some major difficulties.

Depending on the approach, it could cost between \$85 and \$140 million, taking six to 10 years to complete. But the city admits even those timelines are out of their control.

Although the report highlighted that administration is still pursuing the "polluter pays" approach, there's no indication how long it could take to get the cash from the defunct creosote plant.

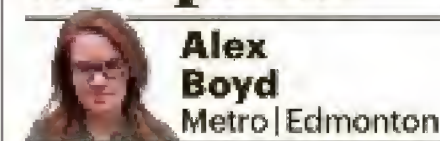


Not-for-profit KidSport helps low-income kids play sports, and is seeing a huge demand for their services. CONTRIBUTED

KidSport needs help

RECREATION

Demand is outpacing supply for non-profit



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Metro | Edmonton

KidSport, a not-for-profit that funds kids who wouldn't otherwise be able to play organized sports, has seen a big spike in applications this year.

The Edmonton chapter reviewed almost 900 applications for funding by the end of March this year — an increase of 53 per cent over the same time period in 2015.

"We've never seen a mass influx before like we've seen this year," said Erin Bilawchuk, the executive director of KidSport Alberta.

The reasons, she said, are directly related to the economy.

KidSport provides a maximum of \$250 per child from low-income families to help pay for

registration for sports.

While soccer and hockey are popular, Bilawchuk says last year they funded more than 2,000 kids in Edmonton who collectively played 43 different sports.

In the past KidSport has raised enough to fund the majority of the applications, but that could change if donors don't step up to match applications, Bilawchuk said.

In light of demand, long time supporter Shaw Communications recently announced a \$25,000 donation for the Edmonton program, which Bilawchuk said will be a huge help.

But, she said, they're not out of the woods yet: The organization spent \$2.6 million fulfilling applications in Alberta last year, but if applications continue at the same pace they'll need \$3.3 million this year, she said.

She said participating in sports is a way kids learn skills like leadership and dedication, things that remain important in times of economic trouble.

"It's that sense of community that goes far beyond kicking a ball around, that's what sport really is."

IN BRIEF

New company will deliver your breakfast

A new food delivery company is making it so getting dressed is no longer a requirement to getting a restaurant breakfast.

Skip The Dishes announced Wednesday they will begin offering breakfast delivery starting

this coming Saturday. Booster Juice, Ricky's All Day Grill and IHOP are all part of the pilot offering.

"We're excited to offer Edmontonians the opportunity to have the most important meal of the day delivered," said Joshua Simair, the company's co-founder, in a release. METRO

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WE ASKED YOU

What's your reaction to news that pot may be legal by next year?

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I feel like (legalizing) weed is their way of saying, 'we didn't really do much, but here's our way of making you guys happier'.
Jessica Popiolek

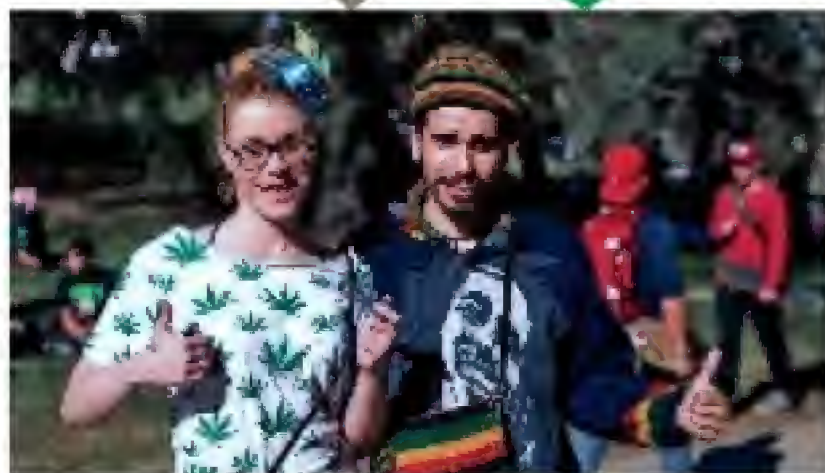
It's a smart idea to start (legalizing) it. Stephen Harper said no, and we lost money. It's good for the economy.
Jesus Hidalgo

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Regulation will be safer because if it's taken care of in a factory instead of someone's basement, it'll keep it in good hands.
Harlan Riley



REGULATION

Activists welcome legalization of pot

The annual pot-themed gathering at the legislature had a festive vibe Wednesday, after signals on the same day from the federal government that pot could be legal as soon as next spring.

Keith Fagin, head of 420 Alberta, described the government's announcement timing as "tongue in cheek," as it coincided with 420, the annual day of celebration for lovers of cannabis culture.

"We're quite excited about it, we've been cautiously optimistic," Fagin said, noting that several normally politically-neutral marijuana advocacy groups threw their weight behind the Liberal campaign last year, after Trudeau made legalization a campaign promise.

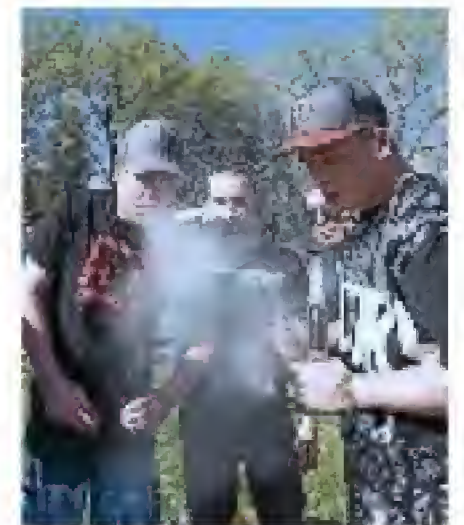
He said there is much to be decided, pointing out that medical marijuana needs to be tightly regulated to make sure patients are getting a consistent product, but recreational use doesn't have to be as controlled.

"We shouldn't hyper-regulate and hyper-tax because then you're still going to have the black market."

Still, he said, it'll be important to make sure that whoever ends up selling pot — he favours dispensaries over other options like liquor stores — know what they're doing.

"If you've got specialty stores, they have to have people who are [aged] 18 plus, and they know stuff about their products," he said.

"We need it to be properly tested, clean tested and we need knowledgeable people selling it."



The Legislature saw a massive turnout for the annual 420 gathering. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

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Grey areas around grey matter

EDUCATION

Better policies
for 'gifted' kids
are needed:
Researcher



Alex
Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

The grey area around the definition of 'giftedness' — and even how to test for it — are undermining classes for gifted students at Edmonton schools, according to a University of Alberta researcher.

"The problem is that there is not a clear policy on who qualifies and who doesn't," said George Georgiou, a professor in the Department of Educational Psychology.

"Because different schools use different criteria, they sometimes include kids who have diverse skills in the same basket."

Classes for gifted kids are intended to meet the unique needs of a very specific subset of students, he said.

But a lack of consistency means the end result is a bunch of kids in one classroom with greatly varying abilities, which makes it difficult for a teacher

to provide lessons that benefit everyone.

Only about one per cent of the population is truly gifted, Georgiou said, but narrowing down who they are is tricky.

For one, he points out that academic talent isn't the same as intellectual ability.

People who are especially creative or artistic, or who have exceptional kinesthetic or practical skills, are also often considered gifted.

Georgiou said the first step is to define what we mean when we say gifted.

Many schools use different

tests, or different scores on the same metric, like IQ tests, he said.

It's something he and his graduate student Kristy Dunn, a former teacher in gifted programs, stumbled on by accident when they set out in 2012 to evaluate the cognitive strengths of gifted students.

But their testing instead revealed wildly different abilities with students all categorized the same way, he said.

"They're so heterogeneous as a group that, unless we tailor any intervention program to the needs of these children, we can't improve their performance."

“The problem is that there is not a clear policy on who qualifies and who doesn't. George Georgiou



George Georgiou is a professor in the Department of Educational Psychology. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO



LEFT: The Cloverdale Footbridge as it is now.

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BELOW: A rendering of the Tawatiná Bridge, which is expected to replace the Cloverdale Bridge as part of the LRT project.

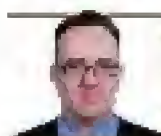
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Megaproject must bridge many needs

ENGINEERING

Valley Line LRT contract aims to keep people happy



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

The biggest construction project in Edmonton's history will have some effect on the city's biggest festivals, but city staff believe they have written a contract that eases the pain.

The Valley Line contract, released to the public last week, includes provisions about specific festivals and areas where the contractor, TransEd Partners, will have to avoid construction.

"We have to make sure we are not jack-hammering or driving piles during the middle of a major festival," said project spokesperson Quinn Nicholson.

He said the city wanted to ensure festivals could still carry on and staff met regularly with people from the Folk Festival

and the groups using Churchill Square to ensure the city was doing its best.

He said that was difficult because the contract had to be worked out in secret.

"You're trying to promise stakeholders that, 'Don't worry, the city has your best interest at heart, we are not going to screw you over,' but on the other token, we can't really show them the contract," he said.

Folk Festival producer Terry Wickham said he was glad to see what the event asked for was in the contract. He said the festival knows a major project will have an effect, but it's about making sure they can carry on.

"There is no doubt there is going to be inconvenience, but we didn't want disruption," he said.

While construction on the line overall is expected to last until December 2020, the contract stipulates the Cloverdale Footbridge has to be replaced within 34 months of its closure.

Kristine Kowalchuk, a spokesperson for the group fighting to save that bridge, said they want the city to leave

+ JUGGLING ACT

Churchill Square

The contractor can close the southern portion of the square, but only for 18 months within one of two windows: October of this year, but must reopen it by April 30, 2018; or October 2017, but must reopen it by April 30, 2019.

Edmonton Ski Club

The contract states that the hills must be in working order between Oct. 15 and April 15 every year. It also spells out that the project must maintain the current slope of each of the hills on the site.

it be and aren't comforted by the contract.

"Looking at the footbridge only as a functional river crossing absolutely misses the point. This area is valuable because it is natural and tranquil and this is precisely what has led to it becoming an important public space."

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CRIME

Accused in Blanchette murders faces new charge

A southern Alberta man accused of killing a two-year-old girl and her father last September is facing a new charge of first-degree murder.

RCMP say Derek Saretzky is accused in the death of Hanna Meketech, whose body was found in her Coleman, Alta., home on Sept. 9, 2015.

The death of the 69-year-old woman occurred five days before the body of Terry Blanchette was found in his home in nearby Blainmore. His daughter, Hailey

Dunbar-Blanchette, was reported missing and police issued an Amber Alert.

The child's body was found in a rural area two days later.

"As our investigation into the deaths of Terry Blanchette and Hailey Dunbar-Blanchette was underway, evidence surfaced which led police to consider Mr. Saretzky a suspect in this case," said RCMP Insp. Derek Williams at a news conference in Airdrie, Alta., on Wednesday.

"This investigation was inten-

sive and utilized the skills and expertise of several specialized sections."

Williams said Saretzky was not initially a suspect in Meketech's death. He said the two did know each other but that's not unusual for a small community.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 20 for Saretzky in the Blanchette and Dunbar-Blanchette cases. He faces two counts of first-degree murder and one of committing an indignity to the little girl's body.

Williams, the officer in charge of senior crime in southern Alberta, said he is limited on how much information he can give because of the hearing.

"Given that Mr. Saretzky has been charged in relation to the death of Hanna Meketech, our first priority is to protect the integrity of our investigation."

Williams said Meketech's family, as well as relatives of the other two victims, has been informed about the new charge.

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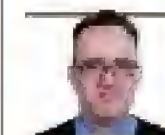


The Winspear is hoping to extend the excellent acoustics in their current space to the new rehearsal space. METRO FILE

Winspear Centre off funding list

INFRASTRUCTURE

Province excludes \$13M expansion from future projects



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

The Winspear Centre was left off Alberta's list of funded projects last week, but the centre's executive director says that hasn't struck a sour note.

The provincial budget included a long list of funded infrastructure projects, but for the first time also included what didn't make the cut — and that included \$13 million for the long-discussed expansion of the Winspear.

Annemarie Petrov, the Winspear's executive director, said even being on the unfunded list is a step forward.

"We're very encouraged that we are on the list, because what it signifies is that we have met all the criteria for funding and that is really significant," she said.

Petrov said being on the list means now, it's just a question of when, not if.

"It's just a shortage at this time of money for the province and they have to prioritize those projects they deem to be the most urgent," she said.

The Winspear dubs its proposed project a completion of the centre.

It aims to fill in the space behind the building on 97 Street now occupied by a parking lot.

The project would include a "music box" rehearsal space, childcare centre and a parkade.

Originally the parkade was going to be an automatic facility with robotic elevators, but Petrov said that idea has been changed.

The centre has a \$13 million commitment from city council and is hoping for matching funds from the provincial and federal governments, while also raising \$14 million.

Petrov said they are now going to focus on raising money.

"We have a couple of years, we are shovel ready so it is really about us now being able to concentrate on our fundraising efforts," she said.

She said it has been a challenge to fundraise in this economy, but fundraising is never easy.

"We're used to having to pull our weight and consistently make a compelling argument."



SYLVAN LAKE ASSAULT

Man, 47, charged after baby sustains injuries

An Alberta man has been charged after a baby was taken to hospital with unexplained injuries.

Mounties in Sylvan Lake say they got a complaint

on March 12 about a 10-month-old baby with injuries taken to hospital.

A 47-year-old man from Sylvan Lake was charged Tuesday with aggravated assault.

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CULTURE

Black history gets a space in archives



Nii Koney at a poetry event.
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Edmonton's black history has a new space at the city archives.

The Nile Valley Foundation has assembled the Afrikan Diaspora History Library, a collection of book and documents chronicling the city's black history, for the Edmonton Archives.

"What makes Canada unique is our mosaic that we have created, which puts Canada in a very unique place in history — in that it's a place where people who have run away from religious persecution, political per-

secution and cultural persecution have come here to create a life," said the foundation's executive director Nii Koney, who left Ghana 45 years ago.

"We all have to tell our stories how we came to be part of this mosaic. So this is how black people can share that Canadian story."

The small library includes books on early black settlement written by black Canadians, as well as books written on black people in Canada, with a specific

focus on Edmonton.

The library is still in its formative stages, but Koney hopes people come forward with their own contributions.

The foundation is going to churches and other local organizations to collect book donations to add to the collection.

"This is a step in the right direction about telling the black story," Koney said.

"We have started a conversation and we have started a journey." KEVIN MAIMANN/METRO



Governor General Award-winning poet Katherena Vermette will perform as part of Wine and Wild Women Wordsmiths on Friday and Poetry Becomes Social Conscience on Saturday. CONTRIBUTED

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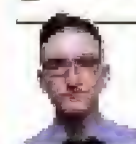
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ARTS

Poetry fest sees 'tremendous growth'



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Spoken-word poetry is driving increasing numbers of young adults to the art form.

Edmonton Poetry Festival executive director Rayanne Doucet said the fest's audience has grown rapidly since 2012.

"I would say in the past four years that the growth has been tremendous. And I would attribute a lot of that to the performance poetry world, the spoken word poetry that is very, very popular with the younger generation," she said.

"It brings young people into it because it's a much more accessible type of poetry. But then once they're in it, once they have become engaged with the poetic art form, they tend to stay and also search out the

traditional page poetry."

This year's festival runs through Sunday and is expected to draw about 7,000 attendees over eight days. The fest has also been hosting lunch-hour events at Churchill Square.

Doucet hopes newcomers will be drawn in by a fresh approach of mashing poetry with other art forms in many of the 41 shows.

Among this weekend's highlights are Wine and Wild Women Wordsmiths — which will showcase four female poets and match wine samples to their personalities — and Waitsing Around, featuring poetic and musical tributes to Tom Waits.

The events run Friday and Saturday evening, respectively, at the Latitude 53 gallery.

"We've got poetry in art, poetry and music, we've even got poetry and science," Doucet said.

"So I would say for people who may not necessarily know a lot about poetry, there are things that we're doing this year to try and make it more accessible for everybody."

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FASHION

GQ names Trudeau most stylish politician

He's sexy, he's suave and he's prime minister — but is Justin Trudeau the most stylish politician in the world?

GQ seems to think so. The men's magazine editorial board named Trudeau "the most stylish politician alive right now."

"Justin Trudeau's meteoric rise from political young gun to Internet superhero might have something to do with the Canadian's Obama-like levels of chill," the publication wrote.

To be fair, Trudeau doesn't have much in the way of competition. U.S. President Barack Obama's dad jeans, U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron's polo shirts, and Russia's Vladimir Putin's penchant for going shirtless leave much to be desired sartorially. But there is an undeniable je ne sais quoi about Trudeau's sense of style, says Jeff Rustia, founder of Toronto Men's Fashion Week.

"It all goes hand in hand. The watch, the socks, the gear, the cars," he said.

Rustia says Trudeau has become the ambassador for Canadian men's fashion, embracing modern trends like slim-fitting suits, bold colours and athletic wear.

From his striped socks to his tan shoes, Trudeau has

shown that he's not afraid of stepping out of the navy-black-charcoal palette typical of politicians.

But it's more than just what he wears, says Michael Nguyen, general manager of Garrison Bespoke, a Toronto-based custom tailor. It's how he wears it.

Having grown up in the spotlight, Trudeau has an easy confidence that makes wearing a suit seem as comfortable as a jogging suit.

"You can't buy (that) with money," Nguyen said.

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IN BRIEF

DNA points to accused as mother of dead babies found in storage locker

DNA evidence suggests a woman accused of hiding the remains of infants in a storage locker she was renting could be their mother. Andrea Giesbrecht, who is 42, was charged with concealment in October 2014 after employees at a Winnipeg U-Haul facility made the discovery.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Homolka must be given chance to be re-enter society: Advocates

Karla Homolka did her time and deserves a chance to start over, say advocates. The fact that Homolka had been living for some time in small-town Quebec suggests the she has reintegrated into society, says Kim Pate, executive director of the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies.

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Some scenes of 4-20, the annual day of celebration for cannabis culture lovers, across the country. METRO & THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stoner culture could fizzle after legal weed

MARIJUANA

Legalization hangs like a cloud over 4/20 celebrations

Stoner subculture will likely take a hit with the incoming legalization of marijuana in Canada because as the cause vanishes, so will celebration of the drug, say experts.

The declaration comes as the federal government announced a spring 2017 deadline for introducing new marijuana laws and while

thousands of people gathered across Canada for the annual April 20 "Weed Day" protest, also known as 4/20.

Protesting against cannabis prohibition has become a social movement with its own ideology and symbols, but that will likely change with the repeal of criminalization, said Benedikt Fischer, a senior scientist with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

"Once marijuana becomes legalized, normalized, mainstream, the cause disappears," said Fischer. "I suspect these things will kind of fizzle away."



Once marijuana becomes legalized, the cause disappears

Benedikt Fischer

Lynne Belle-Isle, co-founder of the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition, agreed that with legalization the appeal of smoking up in rebellion could disappear. She said society could benefit as messaging is developed around using the drug more safely.

"Like alcohol, if you see your parents having a glass of wine with dinner, it's no big deal. You learn responsible use if that's what you're

exposed to," she said.

"Social norms get created when you're able to do it openly, that doesn't happen when people have to hide."

Earlier in the day, Health Minister Jane Philpott told a special United Nations session on drugs that the Liberal government is convinced marijuana legalization is the best way to protect youth and enhance public safety.

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COURT

Mike Duffy trial being called 'a case for the history books'

Did Sen. Mike Duffy commit a crime or didn't he?

That's the question Ontario Court Justice Charles Vaillancourt will seek to answer Thursday when he passes judgment on the 31 counts of fraud, breach of trust and bribery Duffy has faced since July 2014.

But the much broader implications of the saga of the senator from Prince Edward Island are perhaps best summed up in Duffy's own words to the Senate in 2013 when he delivered a scathing rebuttal of the allegations swirling around him.

"This," Duffy thundered, "is

a case for the history books."

It all began in 2012, when the auditor general issued a report that recommended taking steps to ensure members of the upper chamber were submitting enough proof their expense claims were for legitimate parliamentary business.

Questions about Duffy's own claims — including whether he was a legitimate resident of P.E.I., the province he'd been appointed in 2008 to represent — began later that year. It was the first in a long chain of events that would, among other things, eventually force the departure

of Nigel Wright, then the prime minister's chief of staff.

The bribery charge Duffy faces is the result of Wright's decision to personally pay the \$90,000 in living expenses Duffy claimed by declaring his long-time home in an Ottawa suburb was actually a secondary residence.

The remaining 30 fraud and breach of trust charges relate to Senate money the Crown alleged Duffy either received for trips that had nothing to do with Senate work or that he funnelled through a friend's company to cover costs the Senate wouldn't pay for.

Duffy has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The trial exposed the inner workings of a secretive Prime Minister's Office and the Conservative party machine, shaped the early narrative of last year's fateful election campaign and even led to at least one high profile Conservative publicly turning his back on the party.

If his sentence is anything other than a complete discharge — the most serious charge Duffy faces carries a maximum sentence of 14 years in jail — he'd be suspended until his appeals conclude. THE CANADIAN PRESS



An Ontario Court justice will announce his decision in the Mike Duffy trial on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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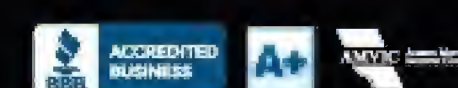
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The Queen through the years

ROYAL FAMILY

As Elizabeth II turns 90, here is a look at highs, lows of her reign

Queen Elizabeth II marks her 90th birthday on Thursday as Britons and many throughout the world celebrate her long and dignified reign. She will celebrate again in June with national events to mark her official birthday.

Here are answers to some questions about the queen's extraordinary life and times:

WHEN DID SHE BECOME QUEEN?

Elizabeth's life was changed

forever in 1936 when her uncle, King Edward VIII, abdicated so he could marry his divorced lover Wallis Simpson. This made her father the king and Elizabeth heir to the throne. King George VI's health failed, however, and he was too ill for a planned tour of the Commonwealth in 1952, so he sent Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Philip, in his place.

They were staying in a remote part of Kenya on Feb. 6, 1952, when she was told that the king had died. She automatically became queen upon her father's death, although the official coronation did not take place for more than a year.

HOW DID ELIZABETH WEATHER WORLD WAR II?

Elizabeth was a young prin-

cess during World War II, and her father King George VI was concerned for her safety as London came under the repeated German bombing raids known as The Blitz. She and her sister Princess Margaret were moved to Windsor Castle, 40 kilometres west of London for security reasons. She later persuaded her parents to let her serve in the Auxiliary Transport Service, where she learned how to drive and repair ambulances and trucks as part of the war effort. She was assigned number 230873 while in the service.

HAS THE QUEEN EVER COMPLAINED IN PUBLIC?

No, that's just not done. The closest Elizabeth has come to exhibiting human frailty to her

subjects was in 1992, when she made a rare admission that her life, so picture perfect on the outside, was marred by the marital woes of three of her four children. She didn't complain in English, however, looking to Latin to proclaim it had been something of an "annus horribilis" — a horrible year that included a disastrous fire at her beloved Windsor Castle.

WHAT WAS THE LOW POINT OF HER MONARCHY?

This would undoubtedly be the stormy days that followed Princess Diana's sudden death in a car crash in August 1997. The princess was tremendously popular, and many held the royal family responsible for her unpleasant divorce from Prince

Charles. The queen was castigated in the press for not returning to London immediately after Diana's death and for not flying the royal standard atop the palace at half-staff as a sign of respect.

DOES THE QUEEN PLAN TO RETIRE?

The strong-willed queen has given no indication she plans to leave the throne, and has described her unique position as a "job for life." Her own mother lived to be 101, and was generally in fine fettle in her final years. Still, it is possible Elizabeth would step down if she developed severe problems that made it impossible for her to carry out her role.

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MEDITERRANEAN

Hundreds feared dead in shipwreck

Up to 500 people are feared dead after a shipwreck in the Mediterranean Sea last week, the UN refugee agency said Wednesday, citing the accounts of survivors.

The disaster happened in waters between Italy and Libya, based on accounts from 41 survivors who were rescued on April 16 by a merchant ship, UNHCR said. The agency said that if confirmed, it would be one of the deadliest tragedies on the Mediterranean in the last year.

The survivors said they had been among 100 to 200 people who left a town near Tobruk, Libya, on a smugglers' boat last week. The agency said Wednesday that "after sailing for several hours, the smugglers in charge of the boat attempted to transfer the passengers to a larger ship carrying hundreds of people in terribly overcrowded conditions."

"At one point during the transfer, the larger boat capsized and sank," UNHCR said in a statement, saying that its staff had visited the survivors at a local stadium in Kalamata, Greece, where they have been housed by authorities while they undergo "police procedures."

Barbara Molinaro, a Rome-based spokeswoman for UNHCR, said details remained unclear.

The statements offered the most official comment yet following repeated news reports about the incident in recent days.

Somalia's president, prime minister and parliamentary speaker on Monday issued a joint statement over an unconfirmed report about the incident. Reports of the drownings circulated among families and on social media, but they hadn't been confirmed by coast guard authorities.

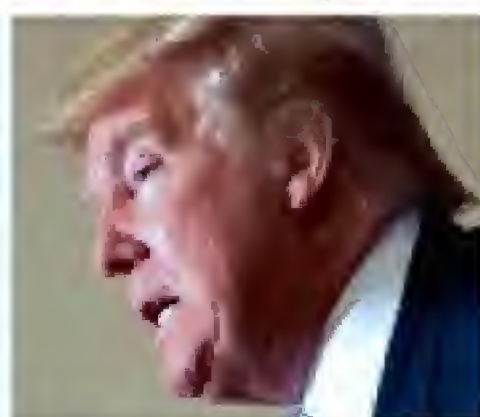
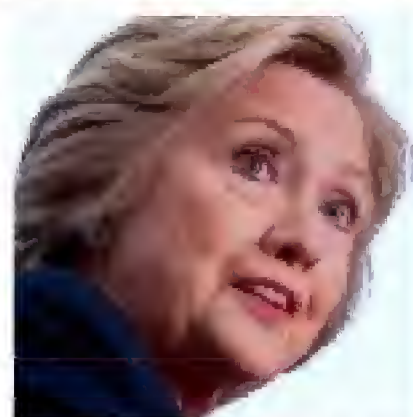
More than 1 million migrants and refugees crossed the Mediterranean last year — mostly refugees from war in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria fleeing to Greece, and the European Union, via Turkey. However, the longer Libya-Italy route has traditionally seen more deaths. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. ELECTION

Clinton close to nomination, Trump strengthens hand

Hillary Clinton, the nearly unstoppable Democrat, and Republican front-runner Donald Trump accelerated Wednesday toward upcoming primaries on an increasingly direct path to presidential nominations after trouncing party challengers in New York.

Clinton, now 81 per cent of the way toward clinching the Democratic nomination that eluded her eight years ago, can lose every remaining contest and still prevail. Her sweeping victory in the New York primary called into question the durability of Bernie Sanders' rival campaign and left him with severely limited options for overtaking her. While Trump strengthened



Hillary Clinton is now 81 per cent of the way towards clinching the Democratic nomination. Donald Trump, however, is still not in the clear for the Republican nomination. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

his hand, he is still not in the clear.

Trump is focused heavily on clinching the Republican nomination through voters' balloting

in state primaries, thus avoiding a contested national convention in Cleveland in July. The businessman's win in his home state keeps him on a path to securing

the 1,237 delegates he needs, though he'll have to perform well in the round of primaries in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware on Tuesday and in California's huge contest on June 7.

His chief rival, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, has no mathematical path to getting the nomination through primary voting. But he sees a window to snatch the nomination from Trump at the convention, and his campaign is working feverishly to line up delegates who would support him if Trump fails to prevail on a first ballot.

The side-by-side Republican efforts at this late stage — with Trump amassing primary vic-

tories while Cruz digs for the support of delegates who could settle the nomination — are unprecedented in recent presidential campaigns and add to the deeply uncertain nature of the race.

Clinton's win in New York, a state she represented in the Senate for eight years, halted Sanders' recent string of victories and put her in a stronger position heading into the next contests. She could lose them all and still win the nomination — if she did well enough to win some delegates. Sen. Sanders' advisers offered no signs of giving up before the Democrats' Philadelphia convention.

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+ EU IN CRISIS

Facing internal divisions, the EU has struggled to cope with the influx, and UNHCR on Wednesday reiterated its longstanding call for more "regular pathways" to Europe, such as with resettlement and humanitarian admission, family reunification, private sponsorship and student and work visas.

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Car industry drives into trouble

Mitsubishi Motors Corp. is not the first major automaker to run afoul of regulators. In fact, its admission that employees had intentionally falsified fuel mileage data for several vehicle models adds its name to a growing list of auto industry names whose brand has been tarnished.



Mitsubishi Motors Corp. admitted Wednesday that its employees had intentionally falsified fuel mileage data. ISTOCK

TAKATA CORP.

The issue: Airbags made by the Japanese parts supplier for Honda and 13 other global automakers are at risk of exploding when deployed, sending bits of metal shrapnel into drivers and passengers.

Nine fatalities and more than 100 injuries have been linked to the faulty airbags. That's out of 1.2 million airbag deployments over the same period. Affected vehicles are from model years 2002 to 2015.

The fallout: The auto industry's biggest-ever recall has spread to at least 25 million vehicles, including 1.2 million in Canada. For most Canadians, replacement parts won't be available until this fall. Takata said it's still in-

vestigating the cause of the malfunction.

VOLKSWAGEN GROUP

The issue: The German automaker admitted in September 2015 that it had deliberately cheated emissions tests by programming pollution controls to turn on only under test conditions.

Under normal driving conditions, the vehicles were emitting 10 to 40 times the legal pollution limits, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimated.

The fallout: The device was installed on 11 million cars worldwide, including some Audis and Porsches, for the model years 2009 to 2016. The company is working on a fix. Meanwhile, no additional models can be sold.

GENERAL MOTORS

The issue: A faulty ignition

switch in its small cars spontaneously shut off, cutting power to the steering wheel and airbags. The scandal was compounded because it took the company nearly a decade to disclose the problem.

The fallout: In 2014, GM recalled 2.6 million vehicles because of faulty ignition switches that were implicated in 124 deaths and 275 injuries, including some in Canada.

TOYOTA

The issue: Faulty gas pedals would suddenly accelerate out of control. The effect of the recall was immense to an auto company that had been noted for its high-quality products.

The fallout: The firm initially blamed floor mats. But in 2011, after 12 deaths were linked to the problem, Toyota recalled 10 million cars and redesigned the accelerator.

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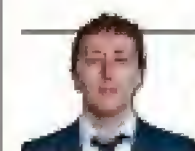
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Ikea issues warning after children's deaths



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Ikea is again reminding customers of the importance of wall anchoring their assemble-it-yourself furniture after a U.S. toddler's death. The re-issued safety warning comes after a Malm dresser toppled over and killed 22-month-old Minnesota boy. The boy managed to tip the chest over onto himself.

Ikea says the chest was not

properly anchored to the wall.

Ikea issued the warning for the first time last summer, after two young children died in separate incidents when Malm dressers fell on them.

Lawyers for the family of one of the children, a two-year-old boy from Pennsylvania, have launched a website calling for Ikea to issue a recall and are hoping to gather more stories from parents.

Ikea is offering replacement anchoring kits to any customers who don't have their original.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON CHANGING VOTER DEMOGRAPHICS



The Liberals were the main beneficiaries of a higher level of youth engagement in the electoral process last fall but that does not mean they can take that support for granted.

But for young millennial voters Justin Trudeau might not have won a majority victory last fall.

As an Abacus Data study confirmed this week, the younger cohort of the electorate tilted the balance in favour of the Liberals. By turning out in greater numbers and coalescing behind Trudeau, voters aged 18-25 almost certainly made a difference between a minority and a majority.

Early indications suggest the Liberals were the preferred choice of a plurality of younger voters (45 per cent) beating the NDP (25 per cent) and the Conservatives (20 per cent). In comparison to 2011, turnout among that age group went up 12 percentage points.

Before dismissing the growth of the youth vote and its impact on the election outcome as a one off — essentially due to Trudeau's status as a political rock star — it might be prudent to consider that the reverse could turn out to be true.

In politics, empowerment and engagement tend to come as a pair. The sense that one's vote can make a difference is one of the main incentives to continue exercising one's franchise. On that score, the experience was positive for many of those who voted for the first time in 2015.

In the big picture, no federal party can afford to ignore the changing demographics of the electorate.

Trudeau's edge with young voters could be blunted by leadership changes of other parties.

As the Abacus report points out, by the next election all millennials (born approximately between 1980 and 2000) will have a vote. Their generation will make up the electorate's largest cohort.

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Come 2019, Trudeau's edge with young voters could be blunted by the upcoming leadership changes at the helm of the other parties. Over the course of his first mandate, Trudeau also stands to lose some of the patina that allowed him to cast himself as the greatest agent of change last fall. It is often easier to like an underdog than an incum-

bent.

Many New Democrats came out of the 2015 campaign feeling they had been outflanked on the front of generational change. That widespread sense contributed to Thomas Mulcair's demise at the hands of party members earlier this month.

But before the NDP concludes that a younger leader could act as a magic bullet for what ails it, it might consider that under Jack Layton, in 2011, the NDP was the preferred choice of the younger cohort. Mulcair's failure to keep that connection alive had more to do with the larger failure of the NDP campaign to connect with the electorate at large than with the age of the leader.

More so than any of its predecessors, the millennial generation was raised in a

culturally diverse Canada. That theme happens to be a constant in Trudeau's political discourse and it is reflected in his caucus. Looking at the delegates at the NDP convention in Edmonton, one had to look hard for evidence of the country's cultural diversity.

Even before the last election polls showed that if younger voters were left to decide who should run Canada, the Conservatives would come dead last — behind the Green Party. Under Stephen Harper the party worked hard at hanging on to that last place.

The dismissive Conservative discourse on climate change; the reluctant acceptance of marriage rights for same-sex couples; the over-the-top fear campaign over the legalization of marijuana all seemed designed to drive millennials away. The party's reductive depiction of Trudeau's leadership might as well have been calculated to come across as a generational putdown.

Like their elders, younger Canadians believe bread-and-butter issues like jobs should sit at the top of the to-do list of the federal government. But also like a majority of their elders, they crave aspirational politics and believe in the virtues of government activism.

Those are generational traits that a decade of Conservative counter-spin probably exacerbated rather than diminished. On that basis, Trudeau should share the credit for the higher youth engagement that had such defining impact on the last election with Harper.

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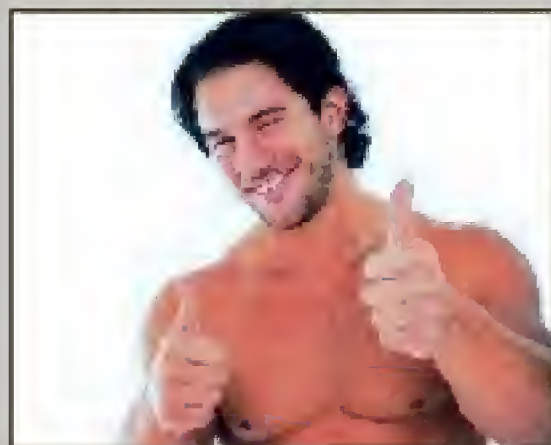
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THE MICROTREND: Men faking orgasms



Remember when Seinfeld's Kramer admitted to being an orgasm faker? Ha! Where do they come up with this stuff, right? Well... Researchers at Université du Québec à Montréal recently asked 230 men aged 18-29 whether they had ever faked an orgasm. On average, the respondents reported having faked it in 25 per cent of encounters. Reasons given: Because they were drunk, because they wanted to impress partners, because, as the K-man himself once put it, "It's enough already and I just want to get some sleep." (Sounds like what women might say.) And to what, pray tell, do the researchers ascribe this phenomenon? The patriarchy, of all things. In brief: Men expect themselves to have orgasms at will, and, by dint of their "prowess," to be able to induce them. Hence a vicious cycle of gender-role-reinforcing subterfuge we weren't even fully aware of. SOURCE COSMOPOLITAN

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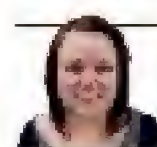
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Bif bares her soul

MUSIC

Punk great launches tour for memoir and acoustic sound



Elisha Dacey
Metro | Winnipeg

One would expect a memoir by Canada's queen of punk to be more about heavy days of partying than facing breast cancer or embracing yoga.

But Bif Naked defies the stereotypes in her new memoir, *I, Bificus*, launched across the country Tuesday.

"I was encouraged for a long time by my manager Peter, who's been my manager for 25 years," says Bif, speaking to Metro from her home in Vancouver.

"I think after breast cancer, I had a heart surgery in 2012, just with my divorce (she married Vancouver sports writer Ian Walker), the stories kept coming up over the years.

"There's part of me that didn't want to write a book because I felt it was so, you know, the classic book of secrets. It was just so common, all these musicians were writing books. It was like everyone was aging out, so these books came to be."

The memoir takes the reader on Bif's journey from being adopted by American Missionaries from her teenage New Delhi parents, through her time in Winnipeg, her marriage and divorce, and delves into things

like her bisexuality and her parents' influence.

"I interviewed my parents. I really wanted to include them in the book and I wanted their life's work they were doing in the '60s and their missionary work. They're a huge influence."

Out of the book a tour has been born, one that features both her latest acoustic songs and excerpts from the book. "It's more like a play," she said. "The tour is called Songs and Stories, we'll be reading from the book and then playing some songs, some audience stuff."

That audience participation is why she chose smaller venues for the tour. "It just seems to work better. I like to have the audience participate a little bit," even though it can get cheeky, said Bif, noting she once had a guy moon his boss on stage.

A part-time motivational speaker, Bif said speaking to a crowd is much different from doing a reading.

"Reading, instead of speaking, is a lot — you know, I had to get glasses. I had to get glasses! F—I! What am I go-

IN PERSON

The songs and stories tour dates:

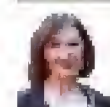
- May 12 at the Venue in Vancouver
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ing to do? So that's funny, I don't know how that's going to work."



PHOTO BY KAROLINA TUREK



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Unbelievable insults from a young woman

THE SHOW: Doctor Foster, Season 1, Episode 5 (Lifetime/Netflix)

THE MOMENT: The Bitch Slap

Dr. Gemma Foster (Suranne Jones), who's 37, and her husband Simon (Bertie Carvel), who's 40, are having dinner at their neighbours, the Parks. The Parks don't know that their 23-year-old daughter Kate (Jodie Comer) is sleeping with Simon. They're about to find out.

Calmly, eating all the while,

Gemma drops bomb after bomb about Kate (who's seated beside her), and about Simon's business deal with Parks. "You're a bitch," Kate says.

"Bitch is right," Gemma replies. "And I'm a wolf tonight."

Kate stands to leave. Suddenly, she smacks Gemma on the back of the head. "You ancient f—king cow!" Kate cries.

If this show were a book, this is the moment I'd have thrown it across the room. A few episodes ago, I'd been intrigued. I

love Jones (Scott & Bailey), and to watch her think her way through an emotional thriller? Sign me up.

But soon alarm bells were sounding. Every woman here is treacherous; they're jealous of Gemma, or think she's a snob, or both. And this is the level of insight into why Simon cheated: "All men want to."

It was the word "ancient" that did me in, though. It wasn't the first time Kate called Gemma old, but it was the most ri-

diculous. I don't buy that a 23-year-old who's sleeping with a 40-year-old would call a 37-year-old — who looks like Jones — a hag.

If you're going to turn a domestic drama into *The Real Housewives of Small-Town England*, you've got to give me something better than that.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



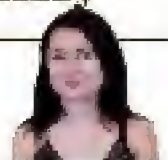
Every woman seems jealous of Dr. Gemma Foster, left. CONTRIBUTED

Meet the Cali girl who talks back

AUTHOR INTERVIEW

Teen character in YA novel defends her queer family

Melita Kuburas
Metro | Canada



Anti-gay laws in North Carolina and Mississippi are all over the news on the day Mariko Tamaki and I speak in early April. Bruce Springsteen cancelled his show in Greensboro, North Carolina, scheduled for the previous night, and his stand "against prejudice and bigotry" is all over Facebook.

As legislation in these Republican-controlled Southern states encroaches on the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals in the U.S., stories of people being denied marriage licences and using the bathroom of their choice are becoming more common.

Tamaki tackles the subject of religion and sexuality in her new young adult book, *Saving Montgomery Sole*. The Can-

adian author says she sometimes can't even look at her news feed because of the flood of articles about people within the LGBT community being denied their rights.

"It's something that I really struggled with — this movement by a religious right to discriminate against and to curtail the rights of a group of people. I find it really hard to deal with. So I try to tap into that a little bit in this book," says Tamaki, who now lives in California.

Tamaki wanted to create a character who talks back — someone who is "intensely vocal" about discrimination.

Her valiant heroine is Montgomery Sole, a high school student with a curiosity for retro experiments like backmasking, and ordering magic stones with special powers over the internet for her Mystery Club.

Montgomery's style of over-size, stained clothing (hand-me-downs from one of her moms) and insatiable appetite for pizza make her an outsider in Aunty, California, where everyone is obsessed with carb-free froyo. But the bullying escalates whenever the focus turns to her family — her lesbian moms

PREVIOUS WORK

Mariko Tamaki's last book, *This One Summer*, was in February pulled from school libraries in Florida for sexual content. Though the coming-of-age graphic novel was never meant for kids, it was awarded the Caldecott Honor, a prize for the 'most distinguished American picture book for children,' which may have caused confusion, the author says.

Tamaki happened to be in Florida at the time — amused by the dramatic TV news stories, she says she contemplated going to the districts herself.

What would she have done in response? "I don't know, probably eaten an ice cream on the steps or something," she jokes.

and the fact that Montgomery and her younger sister, Tesla, were conceived from a sperm donor.

At Tesla's soccer game, when the moms go in for a smooch, a snotty teen sitting in the bleach-

ers described as High Bun grouses: "Let's get out of here before they like, rape us." Monty is within earshot.

But it isn't until a religious preacher known on YouTube for his "The Reverend White vs. Gay Wedding" video moves into town that things escalate for Monty.

As the reverend tries to impose his "save the American family" message on others, the consequences reverberate through the school.

But Montgomery becomes even more frustrated when her own sister wants to start praying, going to church and mounts a cross on her bedroom door.

Tamaki wanted to present two different perspectives on religion in the book.

"Christianity is about community and love and forgiveness, but it's also got this other layer to it. I wanted to try to blur all those things and also to explore conflict within a family where you have a situation like discrimination and how various people experience it and deal with it," she says.

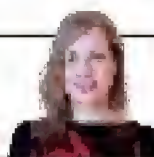


Saving Montgomery Sole by Mariko Tamaki is out now.

BOOKWORM

'Local stranger' in a strange land

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



Sara Baume was in her twenties, living in an apartment above a hair salon in a coastal Irish village, when the rescue dog first came into her life. She was feeling like an outsider and struggling with her career as a sculptor.

The dog had lost an eye in a badger-baiting fight — a vicious, illegal blood sport in which canines are pitted to the death against the feisty weasel-like mammals. Usually, injured animals are euthanized but for some unknown reason this dog survived, and found his way into a local shelter.

"I wanted to feel like I had done something good; that I could look after something, that something could rely on me," says Baume. "So I got the most lost-cause dog I could find. No one wanted him. I wanted to feel like I'd rescued something that no one else wanted."

Baume's relationship with her dog became the inspiration for her debut novel, *Spill Simmer Falter Wither*, published in North America by HMH Books.

It's the heartbreaking but beautifully told story of a fifty-something-year-old man, who

despite the fact that he grew up and has never left his small Irish town, is openly shunned and treated with suspicion by the community.

Still living in his childhood home, he is haunted by the memory of his abusive father and unable to emotionally connect with, let alone talk to, other humans.

He impulsively decides to adopt a mangy, one-eyed dog, but when the animal is accused of biting a child, the man panics and the two make their escape.

"This is a guy who feels lonely because he feels watched in a way. He knows that everyone knows who he is, and can't put a foot wrong for something as simple as his dog biting someone without feeling demonized by the locals who have always been suspicious because he's not really one of them," says Baume, who believes that the character came out of her own feelings of being treated like a "local stranger."

The seaside village Baume captured in the book is modelled after the one in which she was residing, after a decade of living in Dublin. "When the tide went out it was just mudflats and there was a power station on one side and an oil refinery on the other," she says.

"It was a strange, strange little town."

Despite its lack of beauty, Baume pulled details from the



local landscape into the novel; observations she made while taking her dog out over the changing seasons.

Although *Spill Simmer Falter Wither* quickly established Baume as a novelist to watch — she won the 2015 Rooney Prize for Irish Literature given to emerging writers under the age of 40 — she still considers her writing as part of her broader artistic practice.

"In many ways I'm doing what I did as a sculptor," she says, "using the materials of everyday life, found objects and images, and piecing them together."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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Neuvirth gives Flyers a new hope

NHL PLAYOFFS

Goalie clutch with season on line in Philly

Michal Neuvirth stopped 31 shots in his first start of the playoffs, helping the Philadelphia Flyers stave off a sweep with a 2-1 win over the Washington Capitals on Wednesday night.

The Capitals still lead the series 3-1 headed into Game 5 Friday night in Washington.

Shayne Gostisbehere and Andrew MacDonald each scored for the Flyers.

GAME 4 In Philadelphia



Neuvirth was sensational in the third after T.J. Oshie scored early in the period to make it 2-1.

The Capitals still have never swept a best-of-seven playoff series.

Flyers rookie coach Dave Hakstol shuffled the lineup for the



Alex Ovechkin is knocked off the puck by Radko Gudas, left, and Chris VandeVelde on Wednesday night. MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

win-or-else game. He benched No. 1 goalie Steve Mason for Neuvirth and moved Brayden Schenn to the top line and demoted Jake Voracek.

Mason allowed five power-play goals, including four in a third period, in a 6-1 Game 3 loss.

Exit Mason, enter Neuvirth. Neuvirth, who played parts of six seasons in Washington, went 18-8-4 with a 2.27 goal against and a .924 save percentage in 32 games.

"He always was pretty clutch,

IN BROOKLYN

Panthers 2, Islanders 1

Alex Petrovic scored the tiebreaking goal midway through the third period and the Florida Panthers beat the New York Islanders to even their series at two games apiece.

so I'm sure he's going to be fine tonight," Voracek said.

He was clutch, indeed.

Oshie backhanded a rebound off Matt Niskanen's shot from the point just 2:38 into the third.

That was it for the Capitals. The game was marred by a scary hit that saw Flyers centre Scott Laughton leave on a stretcher after a hit into the boards late in the first. Washington defenceman John Carlson tangled with Laughton behind the Capitals' net and the latter stumbled and his head and neck slammed into the back boards.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Anti-gay slur nets Shaw suspension

The NHL suspended Blackhawks forward Andrew Shaw for one game Wednesday for yelling an anti-gay slur from the penalty box and fined him \$5,000 for an inappropriate gesture toward the officials during Chicago's Game 4 loss at home to the St. Louis Blues.

Shaw will miss Game 5 in St. Louis on Thursday, and he will be required to undergo sensitivity training, according to the NHL announcement that came only hours after he quietly apologized for his outburst the previous night.

Shaw was sent off for interference at 17:56 of the third period, hurting Chicago's chance for a comeback in what ended up being a 4-3 loss that put the Stanley Cup champions on the brink of elimination from the playoffs. While sit-



Andrew Shaw GETTY IMAGES

ting in the box, Shaw pounded on the glass with his stick and then yelled at someone on the ice.

It was video of the incident that went viral on social media, prompting sharp criticism and an NHL investigation.

Shaw scored a goal and had two assists in the loss.

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IN BRIEF

ESPN fires analyst Schilling

ESPN announced that it has fired network analyst Curt Schilling following his comments on Facebook about transgender people.

Schilling reposted an image of an overweight man wearing a long blond wig and revealing women's clothing. It included the phrase: "Let him in! To the restroom with your daughter or else you're a narrow minded, judgmental, unloving, racist bigot who needs to die!!!"

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Three-ball helps Cavs take 2-0 lead on Pistons

LeBron James scored 27 points, J.R. Smith made seven of Cleveland's NBA playoff record-tying 20 three-pointers, and the Cavaliers opened a 2-0 lead in their series with a 107-90 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

The top-seeded Cavs put away Pistons in the third quarter, outscoring them 27-15 to protect home-court advantage. Cleveland made 20 of 38 three-point attempts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Joseph showing off the value of post-season experience



Cory Joseph, left, has scored 34 points off the bench through two games against the Pacers. RON TURENNE/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

Cory Joseph couldn't resist some good-natured needling.

Toronto's backup point guard was baiting 35-year-old Luis Scola, the Raptors' oldest player, earlier this week.

"He was asking how many playoff games I have played, and I knew where he was going: he was just trying to show off that he had played more playoff games than me, being the oldest player on the team," Scola said, through a giant-sized grin.

Joseph made 41 post-season appearances with the perennially contending San Antonio

Spurs, and that number stuck out when the Raptors acquired him in the off-season.

Now, Joseph could be a dribbling, shooting billboard for the value of post-season experience. He's been arguably the most solid player through Toronto's two playoff games, and will be expected to bring that hustle off the bench again when the Raptors play the Pacers in Game 3 on Thursday in Indiana.

"To give an example, DeMar

DeRozan had (11 playoff games) and Cory's been in 41," coach Dwane Casey said. "He wasn't the key guy (in San Antonio) but he was there, participating. He's been through the

wringer a few times. It's huge for us, Cory Joseph has been great, he's got the high motor, he can go from 0-100 off the bench quickly and he's one of our toughest guys. It's a huge luxury to have a guy like that."

Joseph, who is from the To-

ronto suburb of Pickering, has scored 34 points on 11-for-14 shooting over the two games, and missed just one of his 12 free throws. He's also doled out six assists, and grabbed four rebounds and a pair of steals.

Joking aside, Scola is as big a fan of the 24-year-old Joseph as any.

"He's young, but he's been in San Antonio for many years," Scola said. "That's like an advanced, speed-up school for playoff basketball, you know?"

"So for him it's natural."

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RAPTORS
GAME 3 PREVIEW

RECIPE Tuna White Bean Salad



PHOTO: MAYA VISNIE

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

We're the last people to jump on diet fads. Seriously. But if a person wanted to a low-carb dinner, this would be an excellent way to go.

Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes

- Ingredients**
- 1 x 5 oz can of tuna
 - 1 x 15 oz can of cannellini beans
 - 1/4 cup red onion, diced fine
 - 4 or 5 radishes, thinly sliced
 - 8 or so cherry tomatoes, cut in half
 - 1 bunch of arugula, washed, dried and trimmed
 - 2 handfuls of fresh basil, washed, dried and trimmed
 - 3 Tbsp lemon juice
 - 2 Tbsp olive oil

• salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. In a large-ish bowl, mix together the tuna, beans and onions.

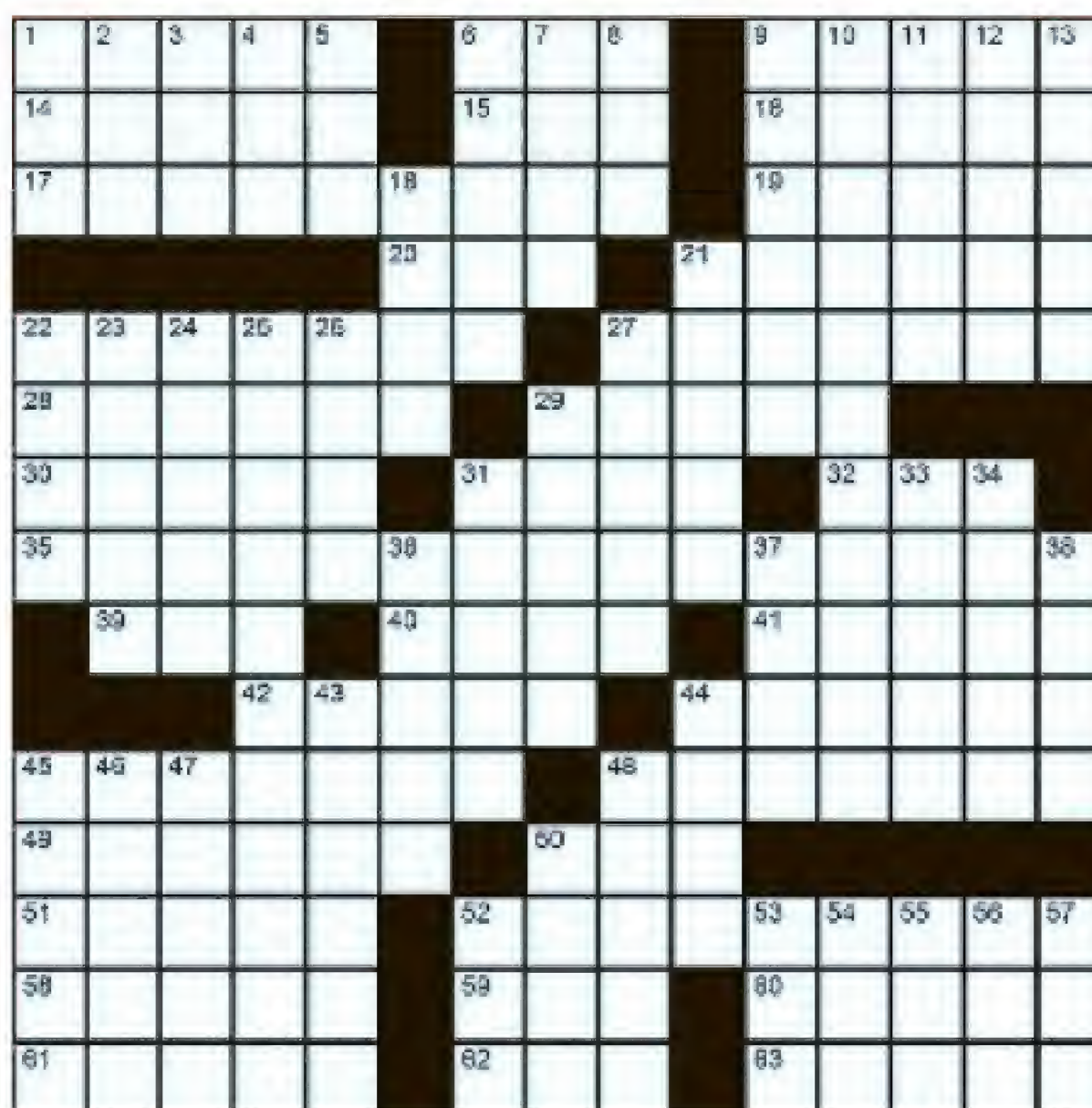
2. In a small bowl, whisk together the lemon juice and olive oil, pour it over your tuna and give a good mix. You don't want to lose all the texture of the tuna, so don't over do it. Taste it and see if you'd like some salt and pepper. Cover with cling film and chill for up to an hour. You can skip this step but it will enhance the flavour.

3. Now it's just an assembly job. You've got four plates. Lay out a handful of greens on each plate, a scoop of tuna deliciousness and then scatter tomatoes and radishes on top.

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- Most certain
- White wine of France
- So Green! So Vast! Canada has many, many, many of these
- Stay
- Element with the symbol B in chemistry
- Run _ (Go wildly)
- _ vera
- Bien _ Vietnam
- The Toronto Raptors play on one: 2 wds.
- Clear
- Liturgical vestments
- Tweak
- Hall & _
- Actress Ms. Dahl
- Wall _ (House walls decorator)
- Song by Vancouver band 54-40: 2 wds.
- Puffy dessert
- Type or sort [abbr.]
- Dermatologists treat them
- Restaurant garnish as on a glass of Diet Pepsi: 2 wds.

DOWN

- Mork from Ork's spacecraft, _-shaped
- 'Bad'-meaning prefix
- Jake to Maggie, for short
- Globe
- X's spelled-out

- follower
- _ski
- Car trunk, in Britain
- Adjust
- Legendary conductor Mr. Toscanini (b.1867 - d.1957)
- Actress who plays Dr. Betty Rogers on

- CTV crime drama "Motive": 2 wds.
- Feeds
- Build _ (Construct, bird-style)
- Works by the Rockefeller Center muralist
- Double
- _Tracy, Quebec

- Grouch
- Macho fellow
- Create cheeriness
- Where Canadian astronaut Chris Hatfield was headed in the Spring of 2013 upon completing his International Space Station mission: 3 wds.
- Admire
- Tricks
- Spills the beans
- More capable
- Exterior
- Domain
- Spud
- Bread, e.g.
- Train, in Spain
- Comes about
- River to the Rhine [var. sp.]
- Topping on pasta
- Capital of Ghana
- SVP = S'il vous _
- "La _" by Ritchie Valens
- Feeling
- Rent
- Existed
- Ms. Longoria
- NBA's Mavericks, on scoreboards
- Canadian actor Mr. Bellows
- Cathedral city

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today's Full Moon very likely will bring financial issues to a head. Now you will have to decide whether it's time to hold or time to fold.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today the only Full Moon opposite your sign all year is taking place. That's why you might feel increased tension with partners and close friends. Patience is your best ally today.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The Full Moon today might create tension with co-workers. Look beyond today's tension, and demonstrate grace under pressure.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Of course, you feel the tension of today's Full Moon because the Moon is your ruler. Just go with the flow. This heightened emotional quality will be gone in 48 hours.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Today you feel the classic tug-of-war between trying to keep home and family happy versus trying to keep your job and career happy. You can't do both. (This time, you can't ignore your job.)

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Be careful, because this is an accident-prone day due to the heightened Full Moon energy. Pay attention to everything you say and do.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Financial matters might come to a head because of the Full Moon today. Fortunately, after the Full Moon peaks, things will resolve themselves.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today the only Full Moon in your sign all year is taking place. Do what you can to stay mellow. Be patient with close friends and partners.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have lots of energy with fiery Mars in your sign! Be careful, because today's Full Moon can create problems with others. Keep smiling, and be patient.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Issues with a group or perhaps with a personal friend might come to a head today. After the Full Moon peaks, you likely will bring things to a happy agreement.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Even though there are external demands on you today, you cannot ignore the demands of home. This feeling of being caught in a tug-of-war is due to the Full Moon today.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Do what you can to avoid accidents today, because the Full Moon energy is distracting. Stay focused and mindful of everything you say and do.

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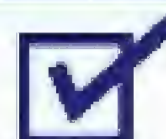
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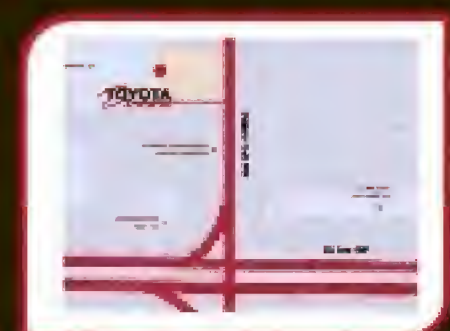
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